

Get a Kit

All Americans should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs. Below is a check list of some basic items that every emergency supply kit should include. However, it is important that individuals review this list and consider where they live and the unique needs of their family in order to create an emergency supply kit that will meet these needs. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time. Visit www.santarosa.fl.gov/emergency to print an eight week shopping guide to create your own disaster kit.

HOME

This is your main disaster supplies kit and should contain essential food, water, and supplies for at least three days. Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept. Additionally, you may want to consider having supplies for sheltering for up to two weeks.

WORK

This kit should be in one container, and ready to “grab and go” in case you are evacuated from your workplace. Make sure you have food and water in the kit. Also, be sure to have comfortable walking shoes at your workplace in case an evacuation requires walking long distances.

CAR

In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car. This kit should contain food, water, first aid supplies, flares, jumper cables, and seasonal supplies.



EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- ☐ Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, extra batteries for both
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air, plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ☐ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ☐ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Can opener for food
- ☐ Local maps
- ☐ Cell phone and chargers
- ☐ Prescription medications and glasses
- ☐ Infant formula and diapers
- ☐ Pet supplies (see page 11 for pet disaster kit items)
- ☐ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container or stored on CDs, flash drives or external backup devices
- ☐ Cash or traveler's checks and change
- ☐ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or this disaster guide
- ☐ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold weather climate. Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes.
- ☐ Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper for disinfecting water (see page 39). Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Matches in a waterproof container
- ☐ Personal hygiene items
- ☐ Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- ☐ Paper and pencil
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

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Review the supplies in your disaster kits at least once a year, and replace items which may have expired or become unusable.